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SUBJECT: CCMS: DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY

1. AT THE APRIL 25-26 WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE NATO/
CCMS PILOT STUDY ON DRINKING WATER, THE SOVIET UNION
(ALONG WITH ISRAEL AND JAPAN) WAS IDENTIFIED BY SEVERAL
EUROPEAN DELEGATES AS A POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT IN THE STUDY.
BEFORE WE INITIATE ACTION TO SECURE SILENT CONSENT FROM
THE ALLIES FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REACTION TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE
USSR BE INVITED TO JOIN THE STUDY, AND ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION AS TO THE NATURE OF SOVIET EFFORTS IN THE
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FIELD, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION(S)
AND, IF POSSIBLE, PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT BE ASKED TO
PARTICIPATE. WE ARE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT US-SOVIET
BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY MIGHT AT SOME TIME LEAD TO
WORK INVOLVING DRINKING WATER CONCERNS AND REQUEST EMBASSY
ASSESSMENT FOCUS ON OTHER CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN
SUGGESTED INVITATION.

2. THE DRINKING WATER STUDY, PROPOSED AND PILOTED BY THE US, WAS FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE SPRING 1977 CCMS PLENARY. IT IS CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN PROVIDING DRINKING WATER THAT IS

BACTERIOLOGICALLY AND CHEMICALLY SAFE AS WELL AS ESTHETICALLY ACCEPTABLE. THOUGH WATERBORNE DISEASE TRANSMISSION IS GENERALLY NO LONGER A PROBLEM FOR THESE NATIONS, POTENTIALLY SERIOUS QUESTIONS ARE RAISED BY THE PROLIFERATION OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL DISCHARGES INTO DRINKING WATER SOURCES, URBAN RUNOFF, WATER POLLUTED BY HUMAN WASTE (BOTH TREATED AND UNTREATED), AND THE FORMATION OF NEW COMPOUNDS IN DRINKING WATER FROM THE INTERACTION OF DISINFECTANT CHEMICALS LIKE CHLORINE WITH THE NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES COMMONLY PRESENT IN WATER SUPPLIES.

3. THE STUDY ITSELF IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SUBPROJECT AREAS; PROBABLE LEAD NATION ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH AREA ARE INDICATED IN PARENTHESIS.

I. ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY (UK)

II. ADVANCED TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY (FRG)

III. MICROBIOLOGICALS (US)

IV. HEALTH EFFECTS (US)

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V. WATER REUSE (UK)

VI. GROUND WATER (FRG)

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